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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: T. NAKAGAWA et al (see attached)

For:
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SAMPLING

Enclosed are:

☒ 8 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2000-358471
filed November 24, 2000 ☐ A certified copy is attached herewith.
Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and
☐ discussed in the specification or ☐ attached Information Disclosure Statement.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

Specification: Abstract ☒ Description 30 pages; and 4 claim(s).

Preliminary Amendment.

Executed Declaration.

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